

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Insertions are indicated by underlining and deletions are indicated by double bracketing or by strike-through.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 10 of the specification as follows:

Poly G nucleic acids preferably are nucleic acids having the following formulas:



wherein  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$ , and  $X_4$  are nucleotides. In preferred embodiments at least one of  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are a G. In other embodiments both of  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are a G. In yet other embodiments the preferred formula is 5' GGGN GGG 3' (SEQ ID NO:28)[[.]] or 5' GGGN GGGN GGG 3' (SEQ ID NO:29), wherein N represents between 0 and 20 nucleotides.